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SBA ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTS NUBY J. FOWLER AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR REGION IV

WASHINGTON – Nuby J. Fowler, an accomplished, dynamic business manager, was selected by Administrator Hector V. Barreto to direct the U.S. Small Business Administration programs in its Region IV, which comprises the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.

"I am pleased to name Nuby Fowler to this important post at the SBA," said Administrator Barreto. "Her extensive experience in small business issues, banking, management and administration in both domestic and international arenas makes her the ideal candidate for this position. The knowledge that she brings to the SBA will be essential to serving the small businesses of Region IV."

As regional administrator, Fowler will oversee the largest SBA region in the United States. To date in FY 2002, lenders in Region IV have made SBA-backed loans totaling more than \$1.1 billion.

"I am very excited to be working at the SBA as the Region IV administrator," said Fowler. "It gives me a great opportunity to work at implementing the President's enterprising agenda for small businesses and to contribute to the nation's continued economic growth."

From the SBA's regional headquarters in Atlanta, Fowler oversees district offices in Atlanta, Charlotte, N.C.; Columbia, S.C.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Miami, Fla.; Birmingham, Ala.; Jackson, Miss.; Nashville, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky.

Before joining the SBA, Fowler was the vice president of Latin American Banking with Summit National Bank. Fowler also was director of Small Business Services of the DeKalb and Metro Atlanta Chambers of Commerce as well as an international business development consultant.

Fowler, a native of Colombia, South America, has lived in the United States since 1961. She holds a master's degree in Administrative Sciences and Business Management from the Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

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